GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4694
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CONSTRUCTION/EXPANSION OF HIGH COURT BUILDING IN ORISSA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from the Government of Orissa regarding financial allocation for construction/expansion of High Court building and residential units for Hon. Judges and other officers/staff in Cuttack city, has been pending with the Union Government for several months;

(b) if so, the time by which the proposed plan is likely to be approved by the Union Government; and

(c) the action taken by the Government so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) It is the primary responsibility of the State Government to provide infrastructural facilities for its High Court/Subordinate Courts. However, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the development of infrastructural facilities for the Judiciary covers construction of court buildings and residential accommodation for Judges/Judicial Officers covering High Courts and Subordinate Courts, and not the residential quarters for the Staff. The State Government of Orissacan utilise the funds allotted under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction of High Court building and residential units for Judges of the High Court. As per norms of the Scheme the State Government is required to contribute equivalent matching share against the funds released by the Central Government.

The Department of Justice has received requests from various State Governments/High Courts for provision of funds to the tune of Rs. 648.47 crore for construction/expansion of High Courts, which includes a demand of Rs.20.30 crore for construction/expansion of Orissa High Court building at Cuttack.

During 2002-2003, an amount of Rs.18.00 crores has been provided by the Planning Commission for construction/expansion of various High Courts. Out of this, an amount of Rs.27.01 lakhs bas been tentatively earmarkedto the Government of Orissa for construction/expansion of High Court building at Cuttack.